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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 24, 2003**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 24, 2003. This response is due on July 24, 2003, by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a one month extension of time to respond. No additional fees are believed to be due; however, should any fees be properly due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Marshall, Gerstein & Borun account number 13-2855.

In light of the remarks presented below, Applicants request reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Specification:** There are **no amendments** to the specification.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the complete listing of claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.